



# The Confederate.

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If anything were wanting to make all our people let go forever any remnant or trace of thought, that there may come a day of re-association with the yankee nation, this thought stands up in gigantic proportions, in the brutal, ferocious, worse than beastly cruelties which both leaders and followers among the enemy practice and boast of. Wherever they now advance, ruin, desolation, the destruction of property, private and public, track their way. They pause not to ask if he, or she whom they propose to rob, and in many cases outrage and murder, is a combatant, or the wife, or daughter, or sister of one. Nor yet do they stop to ask, if by any possibility these may be Union sympathizers. Alas, for such misguided wretches, who have lost the sympathy of their own people, they have acquired nothing by the sacrifice. The raiding or invading enemy brings no supply train, and he must live upon the land: the food of each and all is ferreted out to the last morsel, and taken, stolen, without stint of conscience, and devoured without stint of appetite. Public buildings and private dwellings, school houses, and churches, and farm houses are given to the flames; while the thieving villainous stuff and surfeit with their ill-gotten gains. Among other instances, no worse nor any better, are two which fall under our observation, and come to us with such authority as makes their truth unquestionable, one of which involves a "russian" who calls himself Gen. Warren."

A poor lady, a Mrs. Corry, resided near Bethesda church. Of course she was visited, and her house was stripped of everything she had. Not so much as a meal's victuals were left to keep life in her body: and she had two sick children. The poor lone, desolate, plundered woman, in behalf of those little suffering children, besought permission from this so-called General Warren, to buy a few of the stores, her own property, of which she had been robbed: and as though he was the retired shoddy of a sold-out establishment, plenteous with wealth, he replied—"we keep nothing for sale." Then, said the half frantic woman (as the Richmond *Examiner* repeats it) "I will beg. Give me, for God's sake, a meal of meat for my sick children." This was a Southern, a Virginia matron, who had lived in comfort on her own property; and it was for the small pittance of this single meal, from her own stores, that she was imploring, for an object that might well have moved to pity a devil in hell. We confess our hair rises to end as we record the answer that issued from the lips of this heartless villain. "Madam, we read that during the siege of Jerusalem, women were reduced to eat their children." He had studied the question—had read the history of like events, and foreseeing that in the course of his military career he might find some weak mother, far enough from succor, and sufficiently in his power, to enable him to bring to bear the acquisitions of his intellectual labors, lo!—with what studied, calm, complacent demeanour he uttered the passage from history—"women were reduced to eat their children."

The picture is an impressive one—the "lordly General and his suppliant." It commands itself to every man within whose bosom lives a spark of courage or humanity—who is not prepared to be a dog—who is not already meaner than a dog.

Another instance is that of an interview between a Virginia mother and Grant. This one was the mother of Confederate sons; and having fallen within the yankee lines, she sought and obtained an interview with Gen. Grant, and asked for a passport to enable her to get to Richmond, with her friends. "You are better where you are. When I enter Richmond, women's persons will not be safe."

These scenes are verified. They are true—saith the *Examiner*. This last was addressed by the commanding General of the yankee army—Grant—and thus we are assured that when he enters Richmond, all the acts foreshadowed in the nefarious programme of Dahlgren, are to be performed. Rape, lust, slaughter, conflagration are to be let loose like unleashed hell-hounds, to rage and riot—when "woman's persons will not be safe."

It is well for us to ponder on these things. There is yet among some, a delusive hope, reaching back by a faint, brittle hold on some possible restoration of union with our enemies. These are not they who utter their thoughts, but keep them locked in, committing treason upon their own hearts.

There are yet others—some base, craven, cowards, afraid to look the coming future in the face; others, ambitious demagogues, who would barter soul, country, family—all—for aggrandisement, and hope to save it by sacrificing to the foe.

And yet others—arant sympathizers with our invaders—who have never felt a loyal pulsation towards our Government; who hope disaster may enable the enemy to reach and shake hands with them.

All these classes are to be found in that family of Rahab the Harlot, of which we spoke a few days since, and about which we have every reason to believe the Government will take speedy action. They are they who would have shown out the "scarlet thread, or raised a brother's cry of distress." Depraved and wicked traitors, and most deceived and

deluded people are they. It is notorious, and it is to the credit of the yankee who is entitling himself to but little, that he condemns and despises the betrayer, and the spy, and the pilot. He avails himself of his base instrumentality, but loathes and hates the tool; and when his service is at an end, he never fails to receive a more bitter and more destructive punishment. Of this class, very few, only such as Andrew Johnson, Brownlow, and those who are still needed, are permitted to eke out the enjoyment of the price for which their sale was effected.

These horrid cruelties, the known faithlessness of the race from whom we have separated; should warn all our people to loosen from all thought of everything, but the working out of our complete and perpetual separation and independence.

## Local Defence.

Now that the matter of our position (the Senior Editor's) is settled, we take the occasion to correct the misrepresentation which Mr. Holden made in a late number of his paper. As we stated on a former occasion, our only effort at the public meeting, was to ascertain our liability to military service, and if possible, to select our position. This was no more than Gov. Manly, Mr. Mordecai, and Gov. Bragg were doing. We had a repugnance to the Home Guard service, for the reasons that we stated; and we are assured that our frankness in the statement, has commanded us more respect, than any hypocritical withholding of it, such as Mr. Holden would have been likely to practice in similar circumstances.

It was never our intention to resist any proper authority; but to assert what we believed our legal rights; and whatever there was of threat in our language, was in response to what was considered a threat. The muster of the several organizations on yesterday, showed a handsome strength for "local defence." By an excellent company made up of the best material, the writer of this was complimented with the unanimous offer of the Captaincy. Col. Mallett expressed a desire for our service in another duty, and Capt. Ballard was selected to command this company.

Whenever Raleigh is threatened, we are prepared, not merely to await the immediate presence of the enemy, but to go where we can be most useful; and whenever the crisis comes, "mark our prediction," we shall present a striking contrast to Mr. Holden; and if "we never receive a wound," it will be "singular." If Mr. Holden receives one, from the enemy, it will be quite as much so; and if he does not, it will be the most natural thing in the world. The yankees are only tolerable marksmen, and not apt to strike a "bird on the wing."

## The Hampton Certificate.

The question of veracity, in the matter of the foregoing certificate, as also the question of Mr. Holden's purposes in the call of a Convention, have been settled, in the popular judgment, against Mr. Holden. Both Mr. Hampton and Mr. Horton are respectable men, and they prove the fact positively. We have heard, however, that Gov. Vance has referred for confirmation to Mr. Walsler of Davidson, and Mr. Sherwood of Guilford. If so, it must be done by authority of these gentlemen. A correspondent in the *Confederate* of yesterday, from Granville, refers to W. H. Smith, sheriff of Person, as having heard a similar declaration from Mr. Holden in January or February last. It has also been currently reported here, that Mr. Holden held a similar conversation with Capt. John Berry of Orange. Hearing this, and anxious to reach the truth, we addressed a note to Capt. Berry—and as we should have used his reply, if it had been unfavorable to Mr. Holden, we feel bound to give him the benefit of Capt. Berry's statement; which is in these words: "The certificates you allude to, of Messrs. Hampton and others, I have never seen; but if I am correctly informed of their contents, Mr. Holden has made no such disclosures to me, as are indicated in the certificates."

Up to six o'clock p. m. this (Thursday) evening, we are without any advices from Petersburg or Richmond. It is reported that on Wednesday morning, fighting was going on at Reams' station, nine miles south of Petersburg, and as the telegraph is not working to Petersburg, it is probable that the wires were cut by the enemy, and perhaps the Railroad also. Indeed, a passenger who left Weldon Wednesday evening, says it was reported that our troops came upon the raiders and captured the whole party—1500 in number. This report, however, has not been confirmed.

The Yankees are said to be moving on the Southside Railroad also. We hope to receive some definite and good news from Petersburg and beyond, before going to press. If the wires are cut on the direct route north, we shall probably hear via Danville and Greensboro'.

A correspondent at Kinston, writes us as follows: "The secret oath-bound organization mentioned in the *Confederate* a few days ago, the object of which is to destroy the Confederate Government, is in full blast in this town. I am informed that a Convention of these traitors, representing several counties in this section of the State, was held in Goldsboro' on Monday and Tuesday last. This county was represented, it is said, by four delegates, who are well known in this community as desperate political characters."

It will be seen by the advertisement of General Superintendent Dunn, that the mail train on the Raleigh and Gaston Road, will leave here at 10 o'clock in the day, and arrive at 1 o'clock at night.

## The Raiders in Eastern North Carolina.

Our Kinston Correspondent, who is ever prompt to keep us advised of movements in that section, informs us that on the night of the 1st, that town was aroused about midnight by the arrival of a courier at Headquarters, representing that the enemy were advancing in force on the Dover road, and had driven in our pickets as far as Wise's Fork, some six or eight miles from Kinston, and that heavy skirmishing was going on between the two forces. Col. Folk, of the 6th N. C. cavalry, commander of the post, immediately repaired to the front and took his position to reconnoitre, in advance of the skirmishers, along with his Adjutant, Lt. Rich'd. Blackwell. The horses of both these officers have returned without their riders, and it is feared they have fallen into the hands of the yankees, either killed or captured.

In the skirmish, Lt. Kilpatrick, of the 6th N. C. cavalry, said to have been killed, and private Kilpatrick wounded in the lip. One company of the 6th N. C. cavalry, numbering 60 men, are said to be cut off on the lower Trent road; but it is believed the most, if not all of them, will make their escape—fifteen have already come in. The enemy's strength is variously estimated, but it was evidently very small, and was designed only as a reconnoitering and thieving expedition.

It was also reported that a heavy column of the enemy was advancing on the north side of the Neuse. Another report was that they were in force in Ossoway moving towards the Wilmington Railroad at Magnolia. And still another report is that a force was in the neighborhood of Greenville in Pitt county. Steps of course were promptly taken to look after them. We have plenty of force to attend to all the yankees in Newbern and Beaufort, if they do not allow themselves to be caught napping. The whole yankee force below does not exceed two thousand; and these movements are predatory parties to rob, reconnoitre our positions, &c. Besides Lieut. Kilpatrick killed, mentioned above, we hear also of Lieut. Dehart and private Phillips of Folk's cavalry.

## Public Sentiment.

Extract of a letter from Johnston county: "Enclosed find \$15, for the renewal of my subscription to the Daily *Confederate*, which is at all times a welcome visitor. I can as well do without my meals, as the Confederate, so long as you continue to expose the tricks of Holden, the enemy of his country. I can assure you that Holden stock is greatly depreciating in this county. Vance will carry the county by a considerable majority.—Many that were at first for Holden, have changed, and are going to vote for Vance."

## Extract of a letter from Surry county:

"At one time, I thought Holden would get a very respectable vote in this county, if not a majority. But public sentiment has very much changed since Holden's Convention policy has leaked out. Every body believes the certificates of Mr. Hampton, Mr. Horton and others, and some of Holden's once warmest friends, who I have reason to believe were themselves privy to his designs, express their greatest astonishment at his *denying* the charge; and say they are done with him.—Vance will carry the county by a decided majority. The people are not pleased with the course of the Legislature keeping militia officers, justices of the peace, constables, &c., out of the army, when there is no more use for them at home than there was for their own sons, brothers, &c., who have been required to go."

A letter from Cumberland county, says:—"I believe all our county candidates are Vance men. A Holdenite would not "black the board" in Cumberland.

A gentleman well informed as to public sentiment in Chatham county, writes:

"To say that Holden has no friends here, would be going too far. There are, I am sorry to say, a good many of his stripe; but nothing like a majority. I suppose about one-third of the voters would cast their ballots for Holden if the election were to-morrow. Six weeks ago he would have carried the county. But the people are becoming convinced, and are loathing him and his dangerous propositions; and by the time the county canvass is over, he will not have, in my opinion, five hundred who will vote for him. As Holden is wont to say, he has carried the county. But the people are becoming convinced, and are loathing him and his dangerous propositions; and by the time the county canvass is over, he will not have, in my opinion, five hundred who will vote for him. As Holden is wont to say, he has carried the county. 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